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PUC HOLDS SMALL BUSINESS EXPO IN OAKLAND TO CONNECT COMMUNITY COMPANIES WITH NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

SAN FRANCISCO, January 17, 2006 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is holding the first of many Small Business Expos throughout the state, beginning in Oakland on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006, to give small business owners and operators the opportunity to connect with utility representatives to discuss new contracting opportunities.

WHY: This is a great way for small business owners to get their foot in the door of the state's major telecommunication and energy utilities to discuss specific business opportunities available to them in 2006!

WHO: PUC Commissioner John Bohn, Senate President pro Tem Don Perata's office, other state officials, project managers and contractors from California's major and local utility companies, and small business owners and operators.

"I am happy to work with Senator Perata to bring small businesses and utilities together for possible contracting opportunities," said PUC Commissioner John Bohn. "Small businesses provide jobs and are the real engines of economic growth and development. These expos will open the door to new opportunities for small businesses across the state.

Senate President pro Tem Don Perata said, "This is a tremendous opportunity for East Bay and Bay Area small business owners to meet with utility representatives and discuss contracting opportunities."

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006
7:30 a.m. - noon

WHERE: State Office Building
1515 Clay St., 2nd Floor, Room 1, Oakland

For more information on these free Expos, including an agenda and registration information, please visit our website at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/051220_expos.htm.

The Commission plans to hold more Expos throughout the state in the coming months. Information on those Expos will be posted to our website as it becomes available.

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